

**DECISION RECORD  
and  
FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT  
RED DEVIL MINE**

**I. Decision:**

It is my decision to eliminate the horizontal and vertical openings (adits and shafts) associated with previous mining activity at the Red Devil Mine, near the community of Red Devil, Alaska, at T. 19 N., R. 44 W., SE¼, Section 6, Seward Meridian, starting June 13, 2000. BLM considers these openings public safety hazards.

**II. Rationale for Decision:**

Abandoned mine land sites on Federal lands, particularly those resulting from hardrock (lode) mining, can be major sources of public safety hazards. The Proposed Action will eliminate the hazardous openings and, therefore, the public safety hazards associated with previous mining activity at the Red Devil mine site. The lands are within the boundary of the Alaska Southwest Planning Area Management Framework Plan (MFP), dated November 25, 1981. The BLM addresses public safety hazards at abandoned mines through the Abandoned Mine Inventory and Remediation Program. The BLM initiated a national effort in 1993 to inventory the safety and environmental hazards posed by abandoned mines on public lands.

**III. Finding of No Significant Impact:**

Based on the analysis of potential environmental impacts contained in the attached environmental assessment, I have determined that the impacts are not expected to be significant and an environmental impact statement is not required.

**IV. ANILCA Section 810 Compliance:**

No restrictions of subsistence uses under Section 810 of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA) have been found.

/s/ Peter J. Ditton, Acting  
Anchorage Field Manager

06-15-00  
Date

**STIPULATIONS**

1. Clearing for access to the site should be kept to the minimum needed to complete the remediation project.
2. Top soil should be spread, if available, on sites disturbed by the Proposed Action to promote the natural revegetation and reduce erosion potential.
3. Root removal during road clearing should be avoided, if possible. This will allow more rapid regeneration of the site with less chance of soil erosion and weed infestation.
4. All activities will be coordinated with the BLM (Anchorage Field Office) Environmental Protection Specialist.
5. All site personnel will be briefed on site hazards and the Project Leader will review the site safety and health plan. Current site entry policy requires the use of rubber disposable boots or proper decontamination of non-disposable rubber boots.
6. Any accidental release of fuel or oil from heavy equipment will be remediated according to federal and state laws and regulations.